STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

2008 LANAI MOUFLON SHEEP HUNTING SEASON

Legal Notice DOFAW 08-05

The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that application forms for the 2008 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Hunting Season, together with instruction sheets, are available at all Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices Statewide. It is *imperative* that hunter applicants obtain and pay particular attention to the hunt instruction sheet and addendum for more changes in the application process. Due to a recent court ruling, both the application and tag fees for the 2008 Lanai Mouflon sheep season will be waived.

Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting" (§ 13-123-4) the following special conditions and procedures will be in effect for this hunt:

The 2008 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season will consist of three (3) hunts:

The Archery Only Hunt will be held over eight (8) consecutive days, beginning July 26, 2008 and ending on August 2, 2008.

The **Muzzleloading Hunt** will be conducted for two (2) consecutive Saturdays, August 9, 2008 and August 16, 2008.

The General Rifle Hunt will be held over nine (9) consecutive Saturdays beginning on August 23, 2008 and ending on October 18, 2008.

Hunter assistants will only be allowed to accompany hunters who are senior citizens (age 65 or older) or disabled.

The bag limit for the 2008 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season will be one (1) Mouflon sheep **ewe** per hunter per season, (regardless of the type of equipment used).

There will be <u>no</u> lottery drawing of permits conducted for the **Archery Only Hunt** and no limit on the number of archers who will be allowed to participate. However, interested archers **must apply** for this hunt by submitting an application for a permit. Hunters participating in the **Archery Only Hunt** will <u>not</u> be allowed to apply for, or participate in, either the **Muzzleloading Hunt** or the **General Rifle Hunt** lotteries. Archery hunters may check in on the Friday preceding the first day of the **Archery Only Hunt** or daily during the hunt between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to validate permits and obtain their tag(s). All archery hunters must check-out of the hunting area daily and report their take or their intent to hunt the next day providing their tag remains unfilled.

Participation in the Muzzleloading Hunt and General Rifle Hunt will be assigned by lottery drawing. Interested hunters may apply for either the Muzzleloading Hunt Lottery or the General Rifle Hunt Lottery, but may NOT apply for BOTH.

Applications for all hunts may be submitted in-person or mailed, to the Maui Division of

- Forestry and Wildlife Office, 54 So. High St., Rm 101, Wailuku HI 96793. Lanai residents only are to mail or deliver their applications to the Lanai Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office at 917 Fraser Ave., P.O. Box 630661, Lanai City, HI 96763. The DEADLINE for submitting applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008. Interested hunters are encouraged to submit their application well before the application deadline to insure proper processing.

The public drawing to assign a going status and to establish stand-by numbers for the Muzzleloading Hunt lottery will be held on Friday June 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the State Building in Wailuku, Maui. A simultaneous drawing will be held at the Lanai Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office for Lanai residents. Following these drawings at both locations, the public drawing of the General Rifle Hunt lottery will be held at 12:00 noon. Hunters, who have been assigned a stand-by number, will be allowed to replace no-show hunters that do not check in on their assigned hunting date.

All eligible Muzzleloader and General Rifle participants must check in either on the Friday preceding their assigned hunting date between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Forestry and Wildlife Office in Lanai City to acquire their tag. The tag will authorize the participant to take one (1) Mouflon sheep ewe. Stand-by hunters must be present at the Lanai City, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to their assigned hunting date to be eligible to replace no-show hunters. Once each hunter fills their bag limit, they will not be eligible to participate for the remainder of the 2008 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season. Both Hunting Unit 1 and 2 will be open to Archery, Muzzleloading, and General Rifle Hunts.

Additional details for this season are available at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices at the following telephone numbers:

Oahu: 587-0166 Hawaii: 974-4221(Hilo)

Kauai: 274-3433

Maui: 984-8100

Molokai: 553-1745 Lanai: 565-7916

Done at Honolulu on this 4th day of April, 2008.

Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson

Department of Land and Natural Resources